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Title:	VIBRATION DAMPENING SKATE FRAME		

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-21, 24-27, and 29-34, are pending in the above-referenced patent application. In a final Office Action mailed January 13, 2003, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 2-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 6-13 were noted as containing allowable subject matter. Finally, Claims 14-21, 24, 25, 27, and 29-34 were allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time during a telephone interview conducted on April 9, 2003, regarding the final Office Action. In view of the remarks that follow, applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,951,027, issued to Oyen et al. The Office Action sets forth the position that Oyen et al. discloses each and every claim element as set forth in Claim 1. Specifically, the Office Action sets forth the position that Oyen et al. expressly teaches a skate frame that includes a contoured portion, wherein the "contoured portion has a predetermined cross-sectional shape to permit the

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